

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 remain active in the application. No prior art rejection has been applied against any of the claims.

The specification and claims have been amended responsive to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action. Specifically, the axis 25a has been renamed the “axis for horizontal rotation” since it provides for rotation in a horizontal direction. Similarly, the axis 25b has been renamed the “axis for vertical rotation” since it provides for rotation in a vertical direction.

Additionally, the “sense” of the directions mentioned in the specification has been described as “positive and negative.” Since the Examiner considers this to be unclear, the specification has been amended to clarify that the “positive and negative direction” refers to the “sense” of the direction.

In response to the objections to the specification found in paragraphs 1-3 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph (paragraphs 1-4 of the Office Action), the title of the invention and the abstract of the disclosure have been revised, and the specification has been amended as noted above. This is believed to render the noted objections and rejection to be moot.

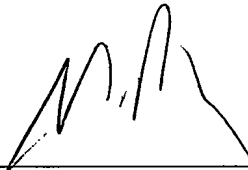
Claims 1-24 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the claims allegedly “fail to indicate what relationship exists between the structure, such as the ‘load generation means’, and the position of the center of gravity.” In response, Applicant notes that the “load generation means” is a “means plus function” limitation having the function of generating a load for energizing the head slider in a direction to the recording medium surface by moving the arm member. Additionally, Claim 1 recites that the position of the center of gravity of the head arm assembly is located on a center axis of the arm

member. A relationship between the load generation means and the center of gravity is thus established with reference to the arm member. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims are definite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicits an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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